THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The work is continuing on the project except on a 55 kms. stretch between Mayem and Balli in Goa State which has been stopped temporarily as an alternate route in that portion was suggested by 'NATPAK', a firm of consultants, claimed to be cheaper by Rs. 80 crores than the existing alignment. The matter has been referred to a High Level Committee under the retired Supreme Court Judge, Mr. Justice G. J. Oza. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 10-9-1993. The decision regarding alignment to be followed will be taken shortly thereafter and work will then be resumed.

All the issues in regard to the alignment were sorted out and settled at the commencement of the project.

(c) The Konkan Railway Corporation has intimated that the delay in resuming the work will entail cost and time over-runs. However, there is no proposal for winding up the operation of Konkan Railway Corporation.

Disappearance of Explosive Material from Gomia, Bihar

@*307. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 500 kg. highly volatile explosive material while being transported from Gomia in Bihar to Assam has disappeared from a highly guarded railway coach;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered and any employee suspended or arrested, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any recovery of the missing explosives has been made; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) 250 kilograms of explosives contained in 10 cases out of a consignment of 360 cases, despatched from Gomia, Bihar, and meant for the Border Roads Organisation in Assam are reported missing. The incident is reported to have occurred in October, 1992, when the consignment was sent by rail from Gomia to Assam via West Bengal. Further details of the status in this regard are being ascertained.

(e) Detailed instructions have been sent to all States from time to time to exercise strict watch and vigilance regarding safety, security and transportation of explosives. The Government of India were have expressed concern to State Govts. about theft of explosives. The paramount importance of taking immediate steps to plug various loopholes in the existing arrangements and to ensure better safety and security in manufacture transportation, storage and use of explosives has been highlighted for taking necessary action on a priority basis. State Govts. have also been asked to take effective measures for recovery of explosives which might be available with anti-social and criminal elements.

Customs Duty Exemption for Importing Medical Equipments

@@*308. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospitals treating poor patients free, get Customs duty exemption to import essential medical equipment and if so, details thereof and of the import exemption procedures in this respect;

(b) what are the names of hospitals whose applications for exemption from Customs duty made since January 1, 1993, are pending till today, and what are the reasons for withholding their applications and what is the nature of equipment sought to be imported by each hospital; and

(c) what are the names of hospitals whose applications have been accepted since January 1, 1993 and the details of equipment given exemption in each case?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Customs Duty exemption on import of medical equipment is allowed subject to the fulfilment of conditions laid down in the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

@Previously Starred Question 147, transferred from 5th August, 1993.

@@Previously Starred Question 207, transferred from 10th August, 1993.

Notification No. 63/88-CUS, dated 1-3-1988 and No. 64/88-CUS, dated 1-3-1988. Copies of these notifications are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) The procedure for grant of Import Duty Exemption for Hospital equipment was being reviewed so as to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the relevant notifications. A list of the hospitals who have applied for grant of Customs Duty Exemption certificate is enclosed as Statement-I (*See below*). The hospital equipments are of dianostic and curative in nature.

(c) The list is enclosed as Statement II.

STATEMENT I

Name of the Hospitals whose Applications for Exemption from Custom Duty made since 1-1-93 are pending

1. Sankshema Public Charitable Trust, Karimnagar.
2. Dolphin Scanning Services Ltd., Vijayawada.
3. Amar Diagnostics Centre & Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Vijayawada.
4. Godavari Scanning Centre Pvt. Ltd., Rajahmundry.
5. Anu Fertility Contraceptive & Research Institute, Vijayawada.
6. Kurnool Hospital Enterprises Ltd., Kurnool.
7. S. J. Jindal Trust, Delhi.
8. MRI Scans Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
9. Navin C. Nanda National Institute for ECG and Cardiac Research, New Delhi.
10. Dharamshila Cancer Fdn. & Research Centre, New Delhi.
11. Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Gwalior.
12. St. Joseph's Hospital, Pondicherry.
13. Mann Diagnostic & Research Centre, Jallandhar.
14. Sigma Diagnostic Ltd., Ludhiana.
15. Sri Ganda Nagar CT Scan & Heart Care (P) Ltd., Sri Ganganagar.
16. K. Govindaswamy Naidu Medical Trust, K. G. Hospital, Coimbatore.
17. G. Kuppuswamy Naidu Memorial Hospital, Coimbatore.
18. Life Scan Research Centre, Madras.
19. Apollo Hospital, Madras.
20. Kovai Medical Centre, Coimbatore.
21. Sarala Neurological Hospital & Research Centre, Madras-10.
22. Calcutta Medical Research Institute, Calcutta.
23. Assembly of God Hospital & Research Centre, Calcutta.
24. Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan, Calcutta.
25. Wockhardt Medical Centre, Calcutta.
26. Kothari Medical Centre, Calcutta.
27. Peerless Hospitex Hospitals Ltd., Calcutta.
28. Harilal Jeehand Doshi Medical Research Fdn., Rajkot.
29. GII. Hospital, Baroda.
30. Gujarat Research and Medical Institute, Ahmedabad.
1. M. S. Ramaiah Medical College Teaching Hospital, Bangalore.
32. K. M. C. Hospital, Manipal.
33. Kasturba Medical College Hospital, Bangalore.
34. SDM College of Dental Sciences, Dharwad.
35. Karnataka Cancer Therapy & Research Centre, Hubli.
36. INYS Medical Research Centre, Bangalore.
37. Wockhardt Medical Research Centre, Bangalore.
38. Martha Amiritanandamaye Matha Trust, Kottayam.
39. K. V. M. Memorial Trust, Chartala.
40. National Hospital, Calicut.
41. PVS Memorial Hospital, Kaloor, Kochi.
42. Cochin Scan Research Centre, Cochin.
43. Dr. Pannalal Nursing Home, Aligarh.
44. Bora Polyclinic Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow.
45. Heritage Hospitals, Varanasi.
46. Medical Research Centre of Bombay Hospital Trust, Bombay.
47. P. D. H. Hinduja National Hospital, Bombay.
48. Breach Candy Hospital & Research Centre, Bombay.

49. Jaslok Hospital, Bombay.

50. Sir H. N. Hospital, Bombay.

51. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiy Pratistan, Aurangabad.

52. Maharashtra Medical Foundation, Pune.

53. Indian Red Cross Society, Pune.

54. Nagjee Memorial Hospital, Nasik

Statement II

Names of the Hospitals whose applications for exemption from custom duty made since 1-1-93 which have been accepted and details of equipments given Duty Exemption.

S. No.	Name of the Institution	Name of the equipment
1.	Calcutta Medical Research Centre, Calcutta.	1. Multichannel cardioscopes monitors (2)
		2. Multichannel recorder for cardiac electrophysiology.
		3. Intra Aortic Balloon Pump Accessories.
2.	Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi.	1. Beckman Synchron: CX-4 Discrete RA fully automated Blood Chemistry Analyser.
		2. Beckman : Synchron EI-ISE 4-channel electrolyte analyser for Na. K. Cl and CO_2.

Jawans working on daily wages in C. R. P. F.

*309. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 3000 Jawans are working on daily wages in the Central Reserve PoliceForce (CRPF);

(b) whether it is a fact that these Jawans have served continuously for about four years and still remain on daily wages; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, the details thereof and reasons for not making them permanent ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) 2011 Constables are working in 6 Auxiliary Bns. of CRPF, on a consolidated honorarium of Rs. 30 per day, besides ration money. Of these, 1478 Constables are in service since 1989 and 533 since 1991. 572 Aux. Constables who satisfied the regular recruitment standards of CRPF, have been absorbed in the regular Battalions.

Losses incurred by DTC

*310. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC has been running into losses year after year;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss of DTC during the last three years, stating the factors responsible for such losses;

(c) the steps taken and the results thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to set-up a Committee to go into the working of the DTC in its entirety or to hold a CBI enquiry;

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction; and

(f) if answer to (c) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the losses incurred by DTC during the last 3 years are as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

year	Working loss (excluding interest and depreciation)	Net loss (including interest and depreciation)
1990—91	113.23	197.48
1991—92	83.86	203.82
1992—93 (Provisional)	56.93	245.28